

Remarks

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to reflect prior related applications and to add an abstract on a separate page.

Claims 3, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 32, 35, 43-48, 52, and 56 have been cancelled and claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 33, 36, 37, 40-42, 49, 51, 53, and 55 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and conform to U.S. claims practice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue in this or a later application any subject matter removed from the claims by this amendment. No new matter is added by this amendment.

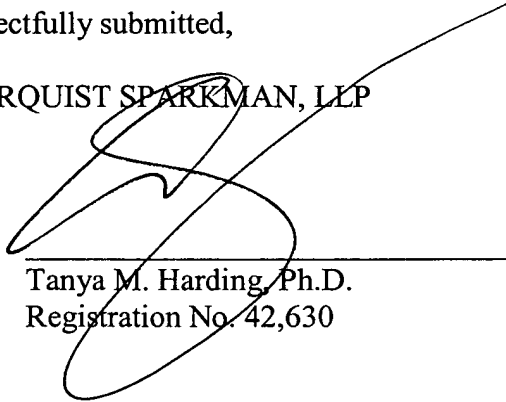
After entry of this amendment, **claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 13-16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28-31, 33, 34, 36-42, 49-51, and 53-55 are pending in the application.**

It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in a condition for substantive examination. If any minor issues are identified, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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